Resource allocation for women

2129. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Women Groups have sought a commitment from him that at least 40 per cent of the resources allocated for various programmes are earmarked for women with proper monitoring arrangements;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what is the resource allocation for such programmes for women during the year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The representation of Women's Groups will provide valuable inputs in the context of gender budgeting.

(b) and (c) The expert committee on "Classification System of Government Transactions" has in the context of gender budgeting recommended appropriate system of data collection and representation in the budget. No decision on the said recommendation of the Committee has been taken by the Government.

Debt burden of Gujarat

2130. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat is facing debt burden arising out of time over-run of the Sardar Sarovar Project due to the factors beyond the control of State Government;

(b) whether a request for funding the additional interest burden has been received by the Central Government from the State Government of Gujarat; and

(c) by when a decision on the proposal is expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes Sir, but it cannot be said that it is on account of factors beyond the control of the State Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government of India does not provide grant for such purposes.